

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 4, and 7 are amended and claim 6 is canceled. With entry of this amendment, claims 1-5, 7-34, 36-67, 69-75, and 77-86 will be pending.

Applicants acknowledge the Examiner's allowance of claims 17, 20, 26, 43-65, 67, 69-75, 77-84, and 86, and the subject matter of claims 4-7.

Claim 1 has been amended to generally include the limitations of claim 6 and claim 4 has been amended to include the limitations of base claim 1. As amended, claims 1 and 4 are believed to be in proper form for allowance. Claims 2-5, 7-16, 18-19, 21-25, 27-42, 66, and 85, depending either directly or indirectly from claims 1 or 4, are also believed to be in proper form for allowance.

In view of the foregoing, claims 1-5, 7-34, 36-67, 69-75, and 77-86 are submitted as patentable. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application is requested. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would in any way expedite prosecution of the application, please do not hesitate to call the undersigned at (408) 446-8695.

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